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DATE: May 21, 2007

TO: Summer Food Service Program Sponsors

FROM: Christine Emerson, Director, School Nutrition Programs

SUBJECT: Area Eligibility Duration in the Summer Food Service Program

In an effort to provide administrative relief to state agencies and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsoring organizations, School Nutrition Programs is extending to the SFSP a provision of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) that allows state agencies and institutions to rely upon a determination of area eligibility for up to five years when based on National School Lunch Program (NSLP) data. The provision has been extended to the NSLP. Applying it to the SFSP provides for consistent administration across program lines.

Effective immediately, SFSP sponsors of sites determined to be area eligible based upon school free and reduced application data are now required to re-determine site eligibility every five years instead of every three years. New sites determined to be area eligible based upon school data will be considered eligible for up to five years from the date of determination. State agencies may extend by two years, for a total of five years, the area eligibility of sites currently participating on the basis of school data.

If there are any questions, please contact School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501.